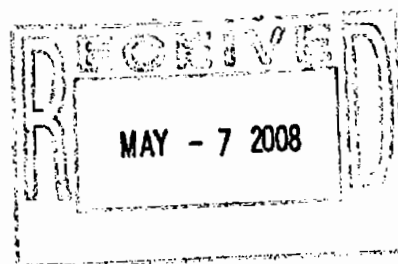




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Harrisburg, PA 17110

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
OFFICE OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
17120-0093 HARRISBURG, PA

Re: File No. ER 08-1481-042-A
STB Finance Docket No. 35116: RJ
Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek
Branch Line-Construction & Operation-
Between Wallacetown & Gorton, Centre
& Clearfield Cos.

Dear Ms. Basehore:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

All federal agency permitted/licensed/funded projects requiring the comments of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer should include the funding program, a project description, project location, and cultural resource site information as outlined in 36 CFR Part 800.4 (Identifying Historic Properties). Because your request does not include sufficient information, we are unable to proceed with our review until the information on the attached form is provided. The 30 day review period required by the regulations (36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(i) and Part 800.11) does not begin until adequate information to complete our review is provided.

If you need further information regarding archaeological survey please contact Steve McDougal at (717) 772-0923. If you need further information concerning historic structures please consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

Cc: Surface Transportation Board

Attachment
DCM/tmw

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

INFORMATION REQUEST SHEET

(Revised 4/07)

Please submit checked items for PHMC to proceed with review.

PROJECT INITIATION

A. FUNDING/PERMITTING/LICENSING/APPROVAL PROGRAM

- ☐ 1. Contact person for federal/state/local agency, address, phone number.
- ☐ 2. Letter from federal agency initiating consultation, or a letter from federal agency authorizing an alternate agency or a consultant to initiate consultation.
- ☐ 3. Identify the Federal/State Agency and funding program or permit/license.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- ☐ 1. Narrative description of the project and related actions resulting from the project.
- ☐ 2. Proposed boundary of the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) (remember to consider visual impacts)
- ☐ 3. Description and Justification of selection of the Area of Potential Effect
- ☐ 4. Architectural plans of existing conditions (as-built or as-found)
- ☐ 5. Preliminary architectural drawings or plans (floor plans, elevations, specifications)
- ☐ 6. Work write-ups
- ☐ 7. Plans and specifications
- ☐ 8. Site plans of existing conditions
- ☐ 9. Site plans of proposed development

C. PROJECT LOCATION

- ☒ 1. U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. series quadrangle with the **PROJECT LOCATION(S) AND LIMITS CLEARLY MARKED** using a colored pen. Please include name of the quadrangle
- ☐ 2. U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. series quadrangle with Area of Potential Effect marked (potential area of direct effect can be delineated inside area of indirect effect)
- ☐ 3. Street map (for properties in densely populated areas)
- ☐ 4. Street map showing location and historic district boundaries (if appropriate)
- ☐ 5. Street address of property
- ☐ 6. Municipality in which project is located (not mailing address location)

D. PROJECT SIZE (supply as appropriate for project)

- ☐ 1. Acreage of project area
- ☐ 2. Miles/feet of project and right-of-way width
- ☐ 3. Extent and nature of ground disturbing activities (i.e. grading, trenching, foundation excavation)

(over)

E. PHOTOGRAPHS (no Polaroids, or photocopies. Clear, high resolution digital images accepted.)

- ☒ 1. Exterior of building(s) in project area - bridges, tunnels, rail related structures
- ☐ 2. Interior of building(s) in project area
- ☐ 3. Interior of building(s) illustrating the proposed work areas/features
- ☐ 4. Buildings, streetscape, setting of features in Area of Potential Effect (APE)
- ☐ 5. Views of project site
- ☐ 6. Other _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- ☐ 1. Measures which will be/or have been taken to identify consulting parties.
- ☐ 2. List of proposed consulting parties.
- ☐ 3. Measures which will be/or have been taken to notify and involve the public.

RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND PROJECT EFFECT

A. CULTURAL RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

- ☐ 1. Description of methodology used for identification and sources examined.
- ☐ 2. Plan proposed for identification of historical (including historic districts, buildings, structures, objects) and archaeological resources and proposed methodology to be used.
- ☒ 3. Pennsylvania Historic Resource form(s) for all properties 50 years or older and potentially eligible for the National Register identified in the APE. (See our website at: *For Beach Creek*
www.phmc.state.pa.us/bhp/inventories)
- ☐ 4. Historical background/context report/information for historic resources identified. *Rail Line*

B. EFFECTS

- ☐ 1. How will the project affect building(s) over 50 years old?
- ☐ 2. National Register listed/eligible property(s) exists in project area. How will the project affect this historic property(s)?

C. Other: _____
